

# **1/19/2006 DRAFT REVISIONS TO RECLAMATION BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN**

## **MISSION**

**We will work to continuously reduce flood risk and flood damages along the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and tributaries until flooding is no longer a significant threat to the quality of life in the Central Valley and our flood management program becomes the model for the Country.**

## **VISION**

**Our vision is a Central Valley flood management program that uses a balanced combination of physical improvements, floodplain management and public education and awareness to reduce flood risk and damages to a level that is recognized worldwide as an example of good public policy.**

## **VALUES**

**Team Work** - We will respect each other as individuals and give equal consideration to each member's ideas and concerns. We will give, seek, and accept honest feedback from each other and our customers. We will strive to maintain an honest, open and collaborative partnership with each other, our staff, the Department of Water Resources and our customers.

**Integrity and Trust** - We will say what we mean and mean what we say. We will honor our word and keep our commitments, both as individuals and as a Board. We will continuously demonstrate we are worthy of the public's and each other's trust.

**Partnerships** – We recognize that collaboration is essential to achieving our mission. We will strive to build collaborative partnerships that advance our mission by advancing the vital interests of individuals and organizations concerned about Central Valley flooding. We will lead by facilitating, enabling, and problem-solving.

**Performance and Accountability** – We will establish and biannually review a list of priorities. We will hold each other, our staff, and our customers accountable for actions necessary to accomplish tasks on the priority list. We will also recognize available resources in setting priorities and will concurrently set measurable performance goals that support these priorities.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPALS**

We believe the following principals are self evident. They will govern our regular business activities.

1. Public safety, measured by the reduction of flood risk and damages, is always our primary priority.
2. We are committed to multi-objective solutions that concurrently advance public safety, the environment, and economic prosperity.
3. Flood management activities that provide significant funding from non-traditional sources such as environmental restoration and/or economic development will be supported.
4. Urban areas behind levees must demonstrate commitment to an implementable plan to achieve a maximum annual flood risk of ½ percent (minimum 200-year protection) within the next 20 years to obtain Reclamation Board support for project funding and project approval.
5. Flood infrastructure for non-urban areas will be improved so that it can reliably pass at least the design flow set forth in the 1957 design profile for the Sacramento and San Joaquin flood control projects.
6. Hydraulic mitigation will be required to reduce any significant increase in current annual flood damages.
7. Though we acknowledge that continuing erosion along river and channel banks is a project design matter, when it poses an immediate threat to public safety, it must be addressed by the local maintaining agency. The Reclamation Board will aggressively pursue the actions necessary to secure Federal authorization of the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project.
8. Encroachments that hamper levee maintenance, flood fighting ability, or increase flood risk will not be tolerated.

## **GOALS AND TASKS**

**Goal 1 - Update the Reclamation Board's Flood Control Plan for the Sacramento/San Joaquin flood control project.**

Associated tasks:

1. Summarize and publicly disclose suspected project performance uncertainties.
2. Develop and adopt a plan establishing the Reclamation Board's long term improvement plan.
3. Identify shortfalls in system performance.
4. Develop a prioritized and phased capital improvement program.
5. Develop a capital financing plan.
6. Implement the capital improvement program.

**Goal 2 - Provide secure long term funding for planning, capital improvements, operation and maintenance, and administration of the Sacramento/San Joaquin flood control project.**

Associated Tasks:

1. Develop and implement an assessment district to secure beneficiary-based funding for long term planning, operation and maintenance, and administration of the Sacramento San Joaquin flood control project.
2. Secure bond funding for capital improvements, major upgrades, and deferred maintenance of the Sacramento San Joaquin flood control project.

**Goal 3 - Secure and preserve long term access for maintenance and emergency flood fighting by streamlining the encroachment permit and enforcement program.**

Associated Tasks:

1. Identify project reaches with critical nonconforming encroachments.
2. Identify, using a public process, a plan to correct encroachments in critical reaches.
3. Identify a legal framework that would provide a basis for rapid enforcement of encroachment standards that allows the cost of enforcement activities to be collected through property tax bills of the violator.
4. Modify the Reclamation Board's regulations to implement the process.

**Goal 4 - Develop and adopt a policy on environmental restoration within Project boundaries**

Associated Tasks:

1. Working collaboratively with resource agencies and using the agreement for restoration at O'Connel Lake as a model, develop restoration project criteria to insure that system performance criteria, maintenance requirements and environmental objectives can be achieved in the long term.
2. Adopt the criteria.

**Goal 5 - Develop and implement a public information program to minimize State flood liability.**

Associated Tasks:

1. Write, publish and distribute a quarterly newsletter to inform levee floodplain dwellers of uncertainties about existing project levee performance, the Board's plan to address these uncertainties, and the need for levee floodplain dwellers to develop a flood emergency response plan including emergency provisions, evacuation routes and reunion plans, and the benefits of flood insurance and how to purchase it.

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### **Goal 6 - Improve the business efficiency of the Reclamation Board**

Associated Tasks:

1. Develop and adopt job descriptions for the General Manager and the Chief Engineer.
2. Establish performance criteria for processing Board business.
3. Develop appropriate pamphlets to guide applicants doing business with the Board.

### **Goal 8 – Update the Designated Floodways Program**

Associated Tasks:

1. Review the designated floodway program in coordination with the Department of Water Resources mapping program and determine if new designations are desirable.
2. Develop and adopt new designations.

### **Goal 9 – Evaluate possible organizational changes to improve intra-governmental coordination and efficiency**

Associated Tasks:

1. Work with the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to identify measures to improve and integrate flood management coordination and priority setting, including making the Board a unit of the Department of Water Resources.
2. Implement appropriate changes.

### **Goal 10 - Work to secure State and Federal legislative actions necessary to implement major flood control projects**

Associated Tasks:

1. Develop priority list for state and federal funding for flood control improvements.
2. Develop support material and lobby for projects.